

## **The Mosaic Project**

This project has been ongoing for many years. Numerous letters have been sent to KSAC, ODPEM, NWA, MP's etc, to try and have the problem rectified. Two demonstrations were held and both print and tv media highlighted our plight. Many site visits and promises later, the problem still remains. We have recently been advised that the project will be remedied through funding from the eastern leg of the Highway 2000 project. However we have not been given a timeline for this to happen.

## **The Community Centre**

The old day care centre on the grounds of the library was given to the association by the KSAC and renovations began in earnest. The funding received from the JEEP program was not enough to effect all the changes. Letters were sent to several companies seeking assistance. Cement Company came on board and provided financing and manpower to paint and tile the centre. We are currently awaiting an estimate in order to seek additional funding for the completion of the renovation.

## **Sewage Plant**

Regular visits have been made to the plant to ensure that it is being maintained. We last visited the plant two weeks ago and noted some areas of concern. NWC has promised to rectify the issues. We will return next week to ensure that this has been done.

## **Flag Raising Ceremony**

Each year on August 6<sup>th</sup> a Flag Raising Ceremony is held in celebration of our country's independence. Usually held at Independence Park, the function was moved to the more spacious Aqua Park in 2017. Marching bands, singers, dancers, speakers provide great entertainment for attendees. In excess of twenty letters to different organizations is sent out each year seeking assistance to host this event which is well attended by the community. Of course, this event would not be complete without our good old Jamaican food. Ackee and salt fish, callaloo, stew chicken, fried dumplings, green bananas are just some of the items served each year. Thanks to all our sponsors and to community members who donate food items.

## Secretary's Report 2016 to 2021

General meetings of the Harbour View Citizens Association were held on the first Sunday of each month at the Harbour View Primary School. In December of 2018 the meetings were moved to the partially completed Community Centre on first Sundays. We thank the Principal of HVPS, Mr. Wright, for allowing us the use of the school, which remains available to us on request. Executive meetings are usually held the Thursday preceding the general meeting. We thank Mrs. Audrey Jumpp-Smart for allowing us to use her home for these and other meetings. Due to the pandemic all meetings are now held online.

### **Attendance**

Although we have over 70 persons on register, only about 15 persons attended meetings regularly. Since meeting online we have seen an increase to over 25 persons on a regular basis. We welcome our new members both local and overseas. Sadly we have lost some members over the years including our vice president, Rev. Barrington Laing, who passed away last year.

### **Guest Speakers**

Over the years, the following persons visited our meetings to give updates on matters affecting the community.

Mrs. Cathy-Ann Lettman and Mrs. Karlene Clarke of the Post and Telegraph Department who advised of the closure of the Post Office in the community.

Mr. Clinton Lee (Operations Manager) spoke on the desilting of the riverbed.

Dr. Andrea Blackwood-Harriott and Mrs. Janell Brown of WIHCON who advised of the new housing development in the area.

Ms. Opal Davis of NSWMA who dealt with garbage collection and recycling of plastic containers.

Additionally, there were several visits from the police who provided security updates. The councilor for the area, Mr. Clue, attended many meetings and addressed issues including streetlights, road repairs, drain cleaning etc.

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## **Christmas Dinner for the Elderly**

This annual event sees the association hosting approximately 200 seniors who are treated to a scrumptious meal and great entertainment. Meals are taken to those seniors who can't make it to the venue. Of course, letters are sent to several companies seeking sponsorship. While I thank all sponsors, I must mention Cement Company who has contributed to our Flag raising and Christmas Dinner each year. Our local meat shop must also be commended for always assisting with donations of chicken.

## **Fund Raisers**

The fund-raising committee had several fundraisers over the years but our most successful was a raffle which had a flat screen tv as its main prize. This venture netted over \$200,000.00. Last year due to the pandemic there were no fundraisers.

Over the years there were many challenges as the bureaucratic wheel turns very slowly. Nevertheless, I remain hopeful that the work done by the outgoing executive will continue with the incoming executive and we will see positive results.

To my successor and the entire executive, I wish for you great success in all your endeavors.

Thank you.